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SUBJECT: DAILY PRESS SUMMARY, TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1977

WASHINGTON POST

SUSANNA MACBEE FROM KINGSTON

NOTE: CENTER PICTURE OF MRS. CARTER BIDDING GOODBYE TO
PRESIDENT AT BRUNSWICK AIRPORT.

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER BEGAN A 7-NATION TOUR HERE TODAY AS
A PERSONAL ENVOY OF THE PRESIDENT, WHO, IN HIS SEND-OFF THIS
MORNING, STRESSED HIS 'SPECIAL COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING
OUR RELATIONSHIPS', HE SAID." (TEXT OF ARTICLE SENT EARLIER
BY USIA ON WIRELESS FILE.)

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HEADLINE: PRESIDENT EXPECTS U.S.-HAVANA TIES TO IMPROVE
SOON.

LEAD: "PRESIDENT CARTER SAID YESTERDAY HE EXPECTED DIPLO-
MATIC TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA TO IMPROVE IN THE NEXT

FEW WEEKS AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TRAVELLING WITH
THE FIRST LADY SAID HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AN EXCHANGE OF
DIPLOMATS." (TEXT OF ARTICLE IN USIA WIRELESS FILE.)

NEW YORK TIMES

JAMES WOOTEN FROM ST. SIMON

HEADLINE: CARTER HINTS NEW TIES WITH CUBA BUT CITES "INTRUSION" IN AFRICA.

LEAD: "PRESIDENT CARTER SUGGESTED TODAY THAT THERE MIGHT SOON BE STRONGER TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA, BUT HE CITED THAT COUNTRY'S MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA AND ITS POLITICAL PRISONERS AS CONTINUING IMPEDIMENTS."

OTHER POINTS ON CUBA:

-- THE PRESIDENT SAID "WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY FIRM INDICATION YET THAT CASTRO WANTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH US, BUT I THINK WE WILL HAVE INDICATIONS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS OF STRENGTHENED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA, FAR SHORT OF RECOGNITION."

-- THE PRESIDENT SAID THE U.S. "WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR CUBA TO REFRAIN FROM THIS INTRUSION INTO AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN A MILITARY WAY," DETAILING THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS AND MILITARY ADVISORS IN ANGOLA, ETHIOPIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND EIGHT OR TEN OTHER COUNTRIES.

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-- MR. CARTER SAID ANOTHER "MAJOR CONCERN OF OURS IS THE LARGE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CUBA -- BETWEEN 15,000 AND 20,000."

-- THE PRESIDENT NOTED OUR ABILITY TO WORK WITH CUBA ON THE FISHERIES AND MARITIME AGREEMENTS.

LAURA FOREMAN FROM KINGSTON

NOTE: FRONT PAGE PICTURE OF MRS. CARTER BIDDING GOODBYE TO THE PRESIDENT AT BRUNSWICK; STORY ON INSIDE.

HEADLINE: MRS. CARTER DISCUSSES POLICY AND RAIN IN JAMAICA.

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER MANLEY OF JAMAICA DISCUSSED FINANCES, CUBA, PANAMA, HUMAN RIGHTS AND RAIN TODAY AS THE FIRST LADY MADE THE FIRST STOP IN HER

7-NATION DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO LATIN AMERICA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- THE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. CARTER TALKED FROM THE MINUTE THEY STARTED LUNCH. MRS. CARTER WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT.

-- THEY TALKED ABOUT PANAMA, THE OAS, CUBA, SOLUTIONS TO INTERDEPENDENCE IN THE THIRD WORLD, TRADE POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- JAMAICA'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

-- MRS. CARTER SAID THAT "SINCE JIMMY HAS BEEN PRESIDENT, I'VE DONE MY HOMEWORK ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

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-- MRS. CARTER WAS SURE SHE WOULD ESTABLISH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOREIGN HEADS OF STATE.

-- MRS. CARTER SAID "I KNOW JIMMY'S BASIC FOREIGN POLICY WHICH I WILL BE STRESSING TO THESE FOREIGN HEADS OF STATE TO BRING BACK TO JIMMY THE CONCERNS THAT THEY HAVE AND THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS THAT EACH COUNTRY HAS."

-- (QUOTES FROM MANLEY'S WELCOME STATEMENT.)

-- RELATIONS BETWEEN JAMAICA AND THE U.S. HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT STRAINED.

-- MR. MANLEY HOPES FOR MUCH CLOSER TIES WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

-- (QUOTE FROM MRS. CARTER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT.)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

JAMES NELSON GOODSSELL FROM CARACAS

NOTE: INSIDE STORY

LEAD: "LATIN AMERICANS ARE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED THAT ROSALYNN CARTER AND NOT JIMMY CARTER WILL BE TOURING OUR REGION IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- LATINS ARE DISAPPOINTED AND WONDER ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROTESTATIONS OF DEEP INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA.

-- MRS. CARTER SAYS "I THINK I CAN CONVEY TO THE HEADS OF STATE JIMMY'S GOALS AND PRIORITIES DURING MY TRIP."

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-- LATIN AMERICANS WOULD RATHER HAVE THOSE GOALS AND PRIORITIES SET OUT BY MR. CARTER HIMSELF.

-- MRS. CARTER WILL BE GREETED WARMLY EVERYWHERE BUT ACCORDING TO A LEADING DIPLOMAT QUOTE, "THIS SHOULD NOT DECEIVE MR. CARTER INTO THINKING THAT HIS WIFE HAS SCORED A DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH. WE WILL SIMPLY BE GLAD TO WELCOME HER."

-- SHE IS LEAVING OUT COUNTRIES ACCUSED OF SIGNIFICANT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

WASHINGTON STAR

AP FROM KINGSTON

NOTE: INSIDE PAGE

LEAD: "THE U.S. HAS PROPOSED AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATS WITH CUBA, A STEP SHORT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ACCORDING TO A U.S. OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH FIRST LADY ROSALYNN CARTER."

OTHER POINTS:

--IN WASHINGTON, A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESWOMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATS IN SO-CALLED INTEREST SECTIONS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED.

-- THE U.S. IS THINKING OF PLACING 8-10 DIPLOMATS IN THE SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF CUBANS IN THE CZECH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

-- OTHER U.S. AIDES ON MRS. CARTER'S TOUR SAID THE U.S. PRESENTED A WRITTEN PROPOSAL IN HAVANA ON MAY 10 AND THE CUBANS APPEAR INTERESTED.

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-- THE DIPLOMATS WOULD HANDLE SUCH THINGS AS CONSULAR AND WELFARE CASES ALTHOUGH OTHER ISSUES COULD BE DEALT WITH.

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HELEN THOMAS FROM PLAINS, GA.

-- PRESIDENT CARTER SAID TODAY THE U.S. HAS TAKEN "THE FIRST FALTERING STEPS" TO CEMENT GOOD RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

-- "T EVENTUALLY DEPENDS ON THEM" CARTER SAID AS HE STOPPED IN PLAINS.

-- IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS TODAY ABOUT TIES WITH CUBA, PRES-

IDENT CARTER WAS VAGUE: "I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT,
NOT DIRECTLY, THAT IS MR. TODMAN."

-- WHITE HOUSE SOURCES TRAVELING WITH MRS. CARTER SAID IN
JAMAICA ON MONDAY TALKS ARE UNDERWAY IN NEW YORK OVER THE
EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES -- NOT AMBASSADORS --
TO BE HOUSED IN NEUTRAL EMBASSIES IN HAVANA AND WASHINGTON.

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JURATE KAZICKAS

LEAD: MRS. CARTER VISITS A FORMER U.S. SUGAR PLANTATION
NOW OWNED BY WORKERS FOLLOWING TALKS WITH JAMAICAN OFFI-
CIALS ABOUT THEIR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, CUBA AND THE WEATHER.

NBC-TV "TODAY"

FLOYD KALBER

"AMERICAN OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH MRS. ROSALYNN CARTER IN
JAMAICA HAVE REVEALED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS FORMALLY
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PROPOSED THAT THIS COUNTRY AND CUBA EXCHANGE DIPLOMATS.
THE STATE DEPARTMENT LATER CONFIRMED THIS REPORT AND SAID
IT IS NOW WAITING FOR A REPLY FROM CUBA." "MRS. CARTER
ARRIVED IN THE JAMAICAN CAPITAL OF KINGSTON YESTERDAY.
JUDY WOODRUFF OF OUR STAFF IS TRAVELING WITH HER."

WOODRUFF: "PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY GREETED MRS.
CARTER WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN KINGSTON, AND SAID HE IS WATCH-
ING WITH INTEREST THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY UNDER
THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. SHE TOLD HIM THAT HIS SOCIAL DEMO-
CRATIC GOVERNMENT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT REFORMS IN JAMAICA AND
AROUSED THE ADMIRATION OF THE UNITED STATES."

(QUOTES FROM CARTER AND MANLEY ON ARRIVAL.)

WOODRUFF: "THERE WERE CROWDS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN WAVING
FLAGS ALONG THE ROADSIDE AS MRS. CARTER'S MOTORCADE DROVE
INTO KINGSTON. AT ONE CORNER SHE GOT OUT OF HER CAR AND
SHOOK HANDS WITH SOME CHILDREN. THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE BE-
GAN DISCUSSIONS WITH MANLEY RIGHT AWAY, STARTING WITH AN
INFORMAL LUNCH. THEY WERE EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT U.S.
SUPPORT FOR FINDING A SOLUTION TO JAMAICA'S ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS, AND MRS. CARTER WAS TO EXPLAIN THE CURRENT U.S.
POLICY TOWARD CUBA, WHOSE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT MANLEY HAS
BEEN CLOSE TO." TODAY MRS. CARTER HOLDS A NEWS CONFERENCE
HERE BEFORE SHE FLIES TO COSTA RICA. SHE WILL BE THERE
WHILE THE PRESIDENT SIGNS A DOCUMENT COMMITTING THE U.S.
TO THE SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA.(KINGS ON)

CBS-TV MORNING NEWS

DAVID DOW: "MRS. CARTER WINDS UP HER JAMAICAN VISIT THIS MORNING WITH A VISIT TO A SUGAR COOPERATIVE BILLED AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOCIAL REFORM UNDER THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PHILOSOPHY OF PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY. BY THE TIME SHE LEAVES SHE WILL HAVE SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH MANLEY, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHOSE NATION OF TWO MILLION PEOPLE FACES SOME DEEP ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE QUESTION OF EXPANDING U.S. AID TO JAMAICA HAS APPARENTLY NOT COME UP SO FAR DURING HER MEETINGS WITH MANLEY. BUT FROM THE MOMENT SHE ARRIVED, MRS. CARTER HAS STRESSED THE DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN U.S. FRIENDSHIP WITH THIS NATION WHOSE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH CUBA ONCE WORRIED SOME U.S. INTERESTS. MRS. CARTER HAS PRAISED WHAT SHE CALLED JAMAICA'S DEMOCRATIC ACHIEVEMENT, AND AT A THREE-HOUR LUNCHEON WITH MANLEY U.S. MOVES TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH CUBA WERE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. THE SESSION TOOK PLACE AS MRS. CARTER'S HUSBAND WAS TELLING REPORTERS IN GEORGIA OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS. U.S. OFFICIALS HERE SAID THAT TALKS ARE UNDERWAY NOW IN NEW YORK AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGING CONSULAR OFFICIALS UNDER AUSPICES OF SWISS AND CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EMBASSIES. THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS APPEARED GEARED TOWARD EXHIBITING A MORE FLEXIBLE U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA, EVEN IF LESS FLEXIBLE ON THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS." (FROM KINGSTON)

ABC-TV "GOOD MORNING AMERICA"

MARGARET OSMER: "ROSALYNN CARTER ARRIVED IN JAMAICA TO GRAY SKIES AND A LOW-KEYED BUT WARM WELCOME. PRIME MINISTER MANLEY GREETED THE FIRST LADY WITH ASSURANCES OF THE CONTINUED FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN JAMAICA AND THE UNITED STATES AND PRAISE FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT'S POLICY."

(QUOTES FROM MANLEY'S STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL)

"THERE WERE SPORADIC SHOWERS ALONG THE TWELVE-MILE MOTORCADE ROUTE INTO KINGSTON, BUT THAT DIDN'T DISCOURAGE JAMAICANS FROM TURNING OUT. THEN IT WAS ON TO JAMAICA HOUSE FOR THE OFFICIAL SIGNING OF THE GUEST BOOK, THE END OF THE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AND THE BEGINNING OF THE MORE SERIOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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MATTER OF COMMON CONCERNS FACING THE TWO COUNTRIES SUCH AS ECONOMIC AID FOR JAMAICA AND THE NORMALIZATION OF THE

UNITED STATES' RELATIONS WITH CUBA."(FROM JAMAICA) CHRISTOPHER

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